

# TUBERCULOSIS AND CANCER IN CHICAGO BEEF!

## BEEF TRUST FARCE.

## FOR EAGLE READERS.

**Government Meat Inspectors Chosen from Beef Trust Employees Under the New Inspection Law.**

**Everything to Be Sold in Cans to the Public Without Any Restraint.**

With a corps of Beef Trust inspectors the fate of the public will be worse than it ever was.

The Chicago Tribune, which will not be accused by anyone of being an enemy of the Beef Trust, after calling attention to the fact that only 27 out of 120 meat product inspectors had gone to work under the new law, said on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1906: "It will be necessary to hold another examination before the full complement of 120 men can be installed, and it is doubtful if a sufficient number will be available for duty when the new law goes into effect Oct. 1. The new inspectors will look after sanitary conditions at the plants principally, and Mr. Cooley placed them where they could do the most effective work in the four establishments. They will inspect the trucks, rooms, hangars, tables, pipes and floors. Sixty-five of those who took the examination recently passed but only twenty-seven reported for duty. This is accounted for by the fact that those who passed a number are now employed in the packing houses at \$100 a month. The salary of an inspector is but \$88.33 a month."

A great portion of the "lumpy jaw" beef slaughtered in the United States and passed as "sound" by the inspectors is sold and consumed in Chicago, according to a recent article in the Chicago Tribune. St. Louis prohibits both the slaughter and sale of "lumpy jaw" cattle in that city, and Kansas City, while it permits the slaughtering of such cattle, prohibits the sale of the beef.

That Chicago has become the "dumping ground" for practically all the "lumpy jaw" beef in the country was revealed by food inspectors.

At one plant are slaughtered every Friday from 100 to 200 head of "lumpy jaw" cattle. Of these only a small fraction is condemned as unfit for consumption. The rest, with the diseased parts cut out, is sold for prime beef, and brings the retailer as good prices as the best beef.

This is possible by reason of the fact that the consumer has no way of telling whether the beef he buys is part of a "lumpy jaw" steer or not. If the inspectors pass an infected animal, after the post-mortem inspection, the beef is placed in the cooler and sold just as any other beef. Of course the attitude of Health Commissioner Whalen and others is that the locally infected cattle are not generally unfit for food.

Out of a total day's slaughter of 120 head of "lumpy jaw" and otherwise infected animals only twelve carcasses were condemned after post-mortem inspection. This means that at an average weight of 1,200 pounds each there will be sold in Chicago during the next few days at least 129,000 pounds of "lumpy jaw" beef. How much of the same kind of meat is shipped into Chicago from Kansas City and other places where its sale is prohibited would be difficult to estimate, but the quantity is undoubtedly large. In most of the Eastern cities ordinances are in force prohibiting the sale of meat from animals with actinomycosis, the scientific name for "lumpy jaw." Thus Chicago remains as the only large market where that class of cattle may be slaughtered and sold with profit.

The average weekly receipts of cattle at the stock yards are 70,000 head, and among these always are found from 100 to 200 animals infected in one way or another.

Several foreign governments would do well to send secret investigators here to ascertain the kind of meats exported to their countries. According to all accounts several of their representatives are very friendly to the Beef Trust. So markedly so that comment upon the fact has quite a decided and positive tone.

The Beef Trust is happy over its victory in the matter of labels. It can feed the people what it likes and make them pay for what they do not want.

The new government law has fallen down already on the labels as it has in other details.

The labels on the canned goods of the Beef Trust will continue to lie. False labels on Beef Trust canned goods have received government sanction. Witness:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13.—Canned roast beef will continue to bear the label of "roast beef," notwithstanding the fact that it really is boiled beef. This was a decision rendered at a conference today between Secretary Wilson and Senator Hopkins, of Illinois, and Thomas E. Wilson, general manager of the Nelson Morris Packing Company of Chicago.

Mr. Wilson explained that the method of preparing canned roast beef was to parboil the meat for fifteen minutes and then put it in cans and subject it to steam heat for three hours. Mr.

Wilson said that the method had been copied by Australian and South American packers, who would profit by it if the American packers were forced to abandon it.

It was decided that the cans might bear the label roast beef, but that it should be stated on the labels how the beef was prepared and cooked.

The Chicago packers who have been defrauding the public put up a hard fight against the enforcement of the provisions of the new law which requires them to state plainly on their labels just what their cans contain.

Judging from the following dispatch to a Beef Trust paper the Beef Trust has won its point.

The swindling and poisoning of the public is to continue.

Here is the telegram giving the facts:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—After numerous conferences between Secretary Wilson, Dr. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, and about forty representatives of the various meat packing houses, the problems which have arisen over the question of labels which, under the law, must be put upon meat products, have been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. What probably was the last conference was held at the Department of Agriculture to-day and the packers announced that they at once would prepare the labels by Oct. 1, when the law goes into effect.

Throughout the discussions Secretary Wilson stood for labels which would state what the package contained and this the packers refused to accept, therefore, by way of compromise the secretary did not insist upon stating the percentages of different meats contained in any canned article put out under one name.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 10.—Ten persons in three different families of this city have been lying at the point of death for over twelve hours, suffering from the effects of eating dried beef delivered to their houses Saturday. A partial investigation has revealed the fact that the meat came originally from one of the large packing houses.

The physicians are of the opinion that some sort of embalming fluid, used as a preservative, was used in the beef and was the cause of the poisoning.

Sterling, Ill., Sept. 11.—The physicians of this city report that during last night there were forty cases of ptomaine poisoning, and that several of the patients are still in a precarious condition. The poisoning was caused by eating pressed corn beef purchased at a local market. The food came originally from a Chicago packing-house. The families of Henry Burnette, Rev. Louis Gressens, Henry Auneen, William E. Myers, Fred Avery and Harry Dennison were among the sufferers.

London, Sept. 12.—Lieutenant Colonel Percy Kyrk Hobbs, who was selected by War Secretary Haldane to go to the United States and inspect the packing of beef intended for the British army, has returned to this country. It is understood that he will in a few days present a voluminous report, the gist of which is that the sanitary conditions at the stockyards have been unsatisfactory.

The report will condemn methods in vogue.

Great indignation is felt in England over the action of the Beef Trust in hiring English butchers who handle its goods, to go to America and bring back a report whitewashing the Beef Trust and its methods.

Indianapolis, Aug. 30.—Tainted meat delivered at the camp of regulars at Fort Benjamin Harrison nearly caused a riot this morning when rumors were issued to the soldiers. The regulars demanded that the meat be taken from the camp at once. A board of inspection was appointed and recommended that only a part of the meat be thrown away, as the rest, it held, was good. This report was far from satisfactory, and there was considerable murmuring over it. But General Carter ordered it all destroyed and a new issue made.

Burlington, Vt., Sept. 1.—Following closely on the affidavit made by F. T. Hutchinson, of Worcester, that he saw his condemned cattle slaughtered in this city, with every indication that they were to be sold as meat, comes a statement made to-day by W. G. and C. S. White, of Richmond, which is even more startling.

That of the elder Mr. White is to the effect that last October the State Cattle Commission condemned fifty-seven animals of his herd as being affected with tuberculosis; that he was paid 80 per cent of the appraised value; that the fifty-seven head of cattle, in company with cattle condemned from the herd of M. S. Richmond, were shipped away from Richmond, and that his son followed them to see what final disposition was made of them.

The son states that he followed the cattle to Haverhill and Boston, one carload being set off at Haverhill and

the remainder shipped to Boston; that he saw the animals unloaded from the cars and about 120 of them slaughtered at the slaughter houses of a Boston company, dressed as beef and run toward the cooling room; that he saw the government inspector inspecting the same carcasses; that only nine of the 120 were condemned, the other being stamped "U. S. Inspected."

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Whether the attractive nature that given to cured meats, sausage and other meat trust products by salt-petre is causing the race to die off more rapidly is the problem with which Dr. H. W. Riley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, has undertaken to wrestle.

There is a suspicion in the minds of Secretary Wilson and Dr. Wiley that salt-petre is injurious to the kidneys. It has come to the knowledge of the Department of Agriculture that in a number of beef trust plants salt-petre is used recklessly. Its use to the extent of one pound in 100 pounds of meat is reported in some instances.

"There is reason to suppose that salt-petre is extremely injurious if used in such quantities," said Dr. Wiley.

Toledo, O., Sept. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. McLean and 18-month-old child, 2721 Summit street, and Mrs. A. C. Stables, 2718 Summit street, were poisoned by eating dried beef sold to them from a Chicago packing-house. All had a narrow escape from death.

renewed his activities in protecting the people of Chicago against the sale of bad meat and other injurious products, by discovering new violations of the city ordinances, and by protesting against the marketing of lumpy jaw cattle.

"In the last week, seventy-six cattle with this disease have been tagged by the inspectors and held up for further examination, but of these only seven were condemned to be used as fertilizer or sent to the soap vats.

"The remaining sixty-nine were allowed by the government and State inspectors to be marketed and SOLD TO THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO.

"The excuse given was that lumpy jaw does not affect the whole carcass, and the marketing was allowed, after the infected parts were cut away. These cattle are not to be shipped away, but will be sold in this city. Under the law Mr. Murray could do nothing but protest, and his protests were disregarded by the government inspectors."

The following products were exported from the United States to the countries named in 1904. A large percentage of them contained tuberculosis and cancer as they were taken from the insides of cattle and therefore NEVER examined for tuberculosis, cancer or any other disease:

Sausage Casings, Tallow.	
Gt Britain, value \$21,102	\$1,797,264
Germany, value . . . . .	223,006
France, value . . . . .	184,336
Netherlands, value . . . . .	500,400
Russia, value . . . . .	30,595
	\$1,521

The American people must put an end to the Beef Trust or suffer the consequences of bad food.

By the way, what is Dr. Dyson, who used to be government chief inspector, doing now?

The Beef Trust saturates Chicago with stench from its rendering establishments and glue factories. It robs the people of Chicago through its control of the price of the food they eat and the leather they wear.

Remember the Beef Trust when you are electing candidates for the Legislature this year.

The number of dead and diseased hogs shipped by the Beef Trust and sold as food is something awful.

Numbers of hogs die in the cars in transit to the Beef Trust; their bodies are often eaten by the other hogs and their pest disease transmitted by them to the human race.

Why is not the Illinois Anti-Trust law strictly enforced against the real trusts?

The law is upon the statute books and is rigidly lived up to as against small and honest corporations which are obliged to make affidavit once a year and send the same with one dollar to Springfield to prove that they are not in a trust.

A trust has no more standing in law in Illinois than a Burglar. Both exist in violation of the law and both are felons in the eyes of the law.

How many murders is the Beef Trust guilty of in Chicago? How many innocent people are killed every year by tuberculosis and cancer?

The Beef Trust slaughter houses are like morgues. The Beef Trust migrants love to praise their cleanliness in magazine articles. Of course those slaughter joints are cleanly. They

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CHARLES MCGAVIN,  
Who Will Be Re-elected to Congress in the Eighth District.

**News from All Parts of the World Carefully Selected from the Press Telegrams.**

**A Weekly Digest of the Most Important Facts and Happenings for Busy Readers.**

Recent floods in the southern part of the State of Jalisco and in the State of Colima, Mexico, have resulted in great destruction of property and loss of life. The number of fatalities from drowning along the line of the Manzanillo extension of the Mexican Central railway is 123. Thousands of tons of earth and rocks descended in great landslides from the mountains. The new steel railway bridge below Tuxpan was destroyed and a steam shovel weighing twenty-six tons was borne by the torrent for a considerable distance. In one place the water rose sixty feet. Many houses were destroyed by floods in the towns of Tuxpan and Zapotillo. Twenty-five lives were lost during the recent floods in the San Joaquin river; fifteen were drowned by the capsizing of a boat while crossing the river. All were natives.

### PUPILS SEE TEACHER SLAIN.

#### Rejected Suitor Murders Cleveland Girl and Later Commits Suicide.

Sixty school children witnessed a horrifying sight and were thrown into a wild panic when Harry Smith, 25 years old, shot and killed their teacher, Miss Mary Shepard, 22 years old, before their eyes in a hall in the South Euclid school, Cleveland, Ohio. Two hours later, when cornered in the rear of his home, Smith turned the weapon on himself, dying instantly from a shot through the head. Four Cleveland policemen, with drawn revolvers and under cover of eight armed farmers, were about to rush on young Smith when he ended his life. Disappointment in love is said to have been the motive for the murder. Smith, who was a fourth cousin to Miss Shepard, had wooed her for some time and recently was rejected.

### OHIO SMASHES BRIDGE COMBINE.

#### Companies Quit State and Five Surrender Their Charters.

Five bridge companies surrendered their charters the other day, and all the other eight under fire, with one exception, have left the State as a result of war on the bridge combine carried on by Attorney General Ellis of Ohio. The companies which gave up their charters are the Champion Company of Wilmington, King Company of Cleveland and the Canton, Bellefontaine and Massillon companies. The Mount Vernon Company alone remains to fight the battle of the combine. Mr. Ellis will attempt to have this company ousted and a receiver appointed for it. The combine argues it has not violated State laws, and that if there have been illegal acts they have been committed under the federal Sherman law.

### Inventor of Barbed Wire Dies.

Joseph S. Glidden, known as the inventor and patentee of barbed wire, died at his home in De Kalb, Ill., where he has lived for many years. He was 83 years old last January. Mr. Glidden was associated in the manufacture of wire with Isaac L. Ellwood for many years. In 1873 he began to make barbed wire and it made him a fortune.

### Broken Rail Wrecks Limited.

Seven persons were injured seriously and many more slightly in a wreck two miles east of Wamego, Kan., on the Union Pacific railway. Four cars on the Overland Limited, west bound, were thrown from the track by a broken rail and the wreckage was strewn over a distance of a quarter of a mile.

### Girl Thief Eludes Sleuths.

A girl burglar, wearing a white sailor hat trimmed with red feathers, and described as a brilliant conversationalist, is dodging the Cleveland police. Mrs. May McClellan, Lakeside avenue, says the girl got enough things from her apartments to satisfy a bride.

### Advocates Death Openly.

Death for all rebels and Jews is advocated openly by the president of the Union of Russian People, who in a speech at Odessa said they must die.

### Two More Negroes Lynched.

A Texas negro has been lynched by a mob of his own race for attempting assault on a colored girl. Another negro has been killed in Argentina, Ark.

### Adopts Simplified Spelling.

The Columbus, Ohio, Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools has decided to adopt the simplified spelling so far as it is practicable in the schools of the city.

### Admits Theft of \$68,500.

James W. Folger, formerly City Treasurer of Newburyport, Mass., pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement of \$68,500 in funds of the city. At the request of the prisoner's counsel sentence was postponed until next January.

### \$10,000 for Shakespeare Book.

A copy of the third edition of Shakespeare's "Passionate Pilgrim," of which the only other copy extant is in the Bodleian Library, has just been sold at private sale in London for an American buyer at \$10,000.

### Three Hurt in Auto Wreck.

In attempting to cross in front of a Zanesville interurban car in Newark, O., Conductor A. C. Wallace's automobile was wrecked. Phil Wyckham was seriously hurt internally, Joseph Reed suffered a dislocated hip, and A. C. Wallace sustained three ribs fractured.

### KILLED IN SUBWAY BLAST.

#### At Least Six Men Are Dead in Philadelphia Explosion.

A terrible explosion of illuminating gas in the subway of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, under construction at Sixth and Market streets, resulted in the death of at least six men. About a dozen others were injured and property damage that will run into thousands of dollars was caused. The explosion occurred shortly before 7 o'clock, when few workmen had gathered. It was caused by a leak in a city gas main that had been improperly repaired. The escaping gas formed in a pocket and it is believed that a workman carrying a lamp into the excavation ignited it. The corner of Sixth and Market streets is one of the busy points in the city, but there was little traffic there when the explosion occurred. The force of the explosion wrecked the subway for half a block and all the heavy timbering and other structural work, including tons of earth, fell into the excavation. A heavy rain during the night had slightly weakened the walls and added to the damage. Just as the gas ignited a four-horse dirt cart was being driven directly across the covered subway by a driver of the Millard Construction Company, which is building the subway. Vehicles, cars and men were blown high in the air and the horses and cart fell into the hole. The driver landed in the street and was only slightly hurt. Several workmen standing near the derelict were blown across the street and killed or injured, and a number of others were hurt by falling glass and signs.

### 150 MURDERED FOR \$500,000.

#### Steamer Sunk by Crew, Who Looted Strong Box of Gold.

Evidence tending to prove conclusively that robbers sacrificed the lives of 150 persons and wrecked the big trans-Atlantic steamer Sirio off Cartagena, Spain, in order to steal \$500,000 has been discovered. The strong box of the steamer was uncovered in the wreckage and opened. It was found to be empty, although hermetically sealed when discovered. A tremendous sensation has been caused by the discovery. The secret service agents of the government indicate that members of the steamer's crew are under suspicion and that arrests are likely to follow. The assistance of the Italian government will be asked in clearing up the mystery. It is declared that a conspiracy existed among the suspected members of the crew and that after looting the strong box and sealing it again they deliberately wrecked the steamer that they might have a chance to land with their rich booty. Whether the robbers actually escaped with the great load of gold is yet a mystery, but the authorities have unearthed a clue showing that a small boat landed several mysterious men near the scene of the wreck long before any passengers from the wrecked steamer reached shore.

### DEATH IN SOUTHERN STORM.

#### Tornado Strikes New Orleans and Vicinity—Four Persons Killed.

A tornado passed diagonally across the residence sections of New Orleans about 9 o'clock Friday morning, taking off roofs, tearing down fences and doing other damage. A dispatch from Hammond, La., on the Illinois Central road, about fifty miles from New Orleans, says that a tornado struck Ponchartroula the same morning, killing four persons and injuring a number. The damage to property was heavy. The Jal Alai skating rink at Milan and Carondelet streets, New Orleans, was blown to pieces and the debris from it scattered in every direction. Along its whole path of three miles or more damage was done by the storm.

### FAST TIME AROUND WORLD.

#### Present Service Makes Forty Days Enough to Circle Globe.

Mail advices from Yokohama state that at a conference of the Russian Asiatic Steamship Company and Japanese lines at Vladivostok it was decided to establish weekly alternate steamship service between North Japan and Vladivostok, and the Russian Asiatic line announced it would extend its line to San Francisco. The officials said they would make arrangements by which a traveler could journey around the world in forty days.

### Strikes Child in Falling.

Albert Berger and Henry Reidlinger, painters, were hurled from the fourth floor of a building on Woodward street, Cincinnati, by the breaking of the scaffold. Berger sustained a fractured skull, internal injuries and broken arm and leg and will die. He struck Rosella Nieman, 4 years old, who suffered serious internal injuries and may die. Reidlinger managed to catch the rope and slide down safely.

### King of Annam Kills Wives.

Thank Thai, King of Annam, has again been guilty of such atrocities that the French government may be compelled to adopt rigorous disciplinary measures. The mails report that in August the king was seized with a homicidal mania, ordered seven of his wives to be executed and looked on with delight while they were slowly tortured to death.

### Destroyer Goes on Rocks.

While going to the aid of a stranded schooner the torpedo boat destroyer Preble went on the rocks north of Santa Barbara, Cal., during a dense fog. She was later pulled off with practically no damage.